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## Congressman Dent supports tribunals to bring terrorists to justice

WASHINGTON, D.C – U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent (PA-15), a member of the House Homeland Security Committee today voted for H.R. 6166, the Military Commissions Act of 2006. The legislation creates a specific judicial system to prosecute overseas terrorists captured in the Global War on Terrorism.

The bill was approved in the U.S. House of Representatives by a vote of 253 to 168. The Senate is expected to act on a similar measure.

The Act provides a fair and legal trial process and at the same time keeps classified and sensitive information out of the hands of those who mean to harm Americans.

“Terrorists are not soldiers of a sovereign nation, nor are they ordinary criminals,” Congressman Dent said. “With this tribunal system, we maintain America’s worldwide reputation as a nation that will vigorously defend our people against our enemies and just as vigorously promote justice and respect for rule of law.”

The Military Commissions Act includes the compromises worked out among the White House, Senate, and House of Representatives last week. The measure conforms to Common Article 3 of the Geneva Conventions, as well as all applicable U.S. laws and international treaty obligations. The Act

clarifies and codifies behaviors that are not acceptable in the treatment and interrogation of suspects.

Congressman Dent noted a precedent for terrorist tribunals in proceedings that were conducted for Nazi spies and saboteurs in America during World War II.

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